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"It must be remembered that a boy is naturally full of humour: it maybe a on the shallow or vulgar side, but he can always appreciate a joke and see the funny side of things. And this at once gives the worker with boys a pleasant and bright side to his work and enables him to become the cheery companion instead of the taskmaster; if he only joins in the fun of it."

BP - in Aids to Scouting



Editorial:

Probably many readers will wonder what happened to last months issue. Well it didn't happen mainly because of holidays and so forth and a rethink on the number of issues sent out. We will be sending out the CWS every six weeks, it will be bigger and hopefully more newswy (dependant on our contributors of course)

Getting onto the hobbyhorse of this editor and many of his predecessors- contributions! We run some fantastic programmes and events, those preparing them work very hard at making successful events and one hears how much the participants enjoy them, but then they go and spoil it all by not giving a report or photographs. Letting people know what Scouting is doing (amongst the Scout Community as well as the local community) must be a good recruiting tool.

In this issue we deal with Aids and will probably do a lot more in the future, the statistics reveal horrifying figures as many of the youth seem intent to do everything else except abstain. We need to get the message across to our youth as was pointed out in an article last month. Morality, sobriety and abstinence are not the thinks sissies do (they don't have the moral character to do it) no it is the things that make men men and women women And Scouts Scouts.

Most of us know by now that Andre Bredenkamp is strolling around the foothills of Everest at the moment. If you wish to find out what his team is doing, log on to ;

www.everestnews.com/everest2004/summitclimb

Friends of the Tygerberg in conjunction with the Tygerberg Nature Reserve are looking for volunteers to be trained as field guides as well as nursery assistants and hackers. This would be a great service project and could also lead to other opportunities. Contact Karen Marias 021 - 9452855

John Waterhouse
Editor

Area Commissioner's Brief

Certain recent events have prompted me to use this opportunity to write about our relationship with each other and the way we communicate.

The Scout Movement has since its inception in 1907 had a role for adults and that role is mainly in leadership and the management of its programmes.

The Movement by its very nature brings people from diverse backgrounds together – all serving a common purpose. It is therefore understandable that no two persons will always agree on matters and decisions made. Having said this our structures allow for people to be able to vent their feelings and disagreement in an orderly and professional manner. It therefore does not help when certain individuals use a public forum to attack each other personally and in a negative and destructive way.

As leaders we hold positions of influence over the young people whom we have in our care and we should at all times act in a manner which will set examples for them. I am not saying that we should not be able to criticise but let us do this in the correct manner. Let us;

- use the correct channels
- be constructive in our criticism
- be open to criticism ourselves
- be professional in our approach
- respect each other

Remember that we should always work as a team with a common purpose to provide good scouting for the youth – and not against each other.

I was once again privileged to attend the recent PLTU and was able to take some guests along for the Guest Meal on 6 April 2004. The guests all having not been in the Movement were pretty impressed with what they had seen and were even more surprised that they were to eat a meal with the Scouts in their camp kitchen and not in a mess room as they had expected. Every time I attend PLTU I am reminded of the enormous pool of talent that we have amongst our young leaders and that we should ensure that we provide opportunities to retain them within the structures of the Movement. This was discussed at the last Rover Council and it was decided that there was a need for the Rover Programme to be re-evaluated to see if it was appealing to those Scouts who have left the Troop. It has been said

that the Cubs are always encouraged to move up to the Troop but the Scouts are never encouraged to move up to the Rovers. For this reason it was decided that we will host a workshop for all Rovers, young adult leaders and other interested parties where the Rover programme will be discussed and where we will make certain recommendations to adapt it to make it conducive to young Scouters wanting to join the Rovers. At the moment the Rovers perform an important role for Scouting in that they provide a service inside and outside the Movement but there are just not enough people involved in Rovering and I do believe that every district should have a Rover Crew who could offer a tremendous support for Scouting in the District.

I do hope that many will use this opportunity to contribute to developing the future of Rovering and thereby the continued success of scouting.

See you around the campfire

Brian A. February
Area Commissioner



GS/COMMISSIONER'S WARRANT COURSE

This course was scheduled to take place on 3rd and 4th April but due to low numbers of applicants it was postponed.

The course is rescheduled for the following dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
12 May 2004 – 19h00 to 21h00		Area HQ
22 May 2004 – 08h30 to 19h30		Gilray
23 May 2004 – 08h30 to 17h00		Gilray

Please submit your application to Area Headquarters before 7 May 2004



The storm on Friday (16 April) morning must have had many participants wondering if Kontiki would still take place. According to the organiser, John Delpont, only one telephone call was received – the rest

all knew that Kontiki goes on, whatever the weather.

This year's Kontiki was special in the sense that a team from Brazil was invited to participate but as a result of school exams and cost of travel, only one leader, Estavio Selles was able to attend. Hundreds of people – Scouts, Scouters, parents and friends converged on the Sea Scouts Base from 15h00 to start with the building of the rafts. The Theme Brazil allowed the teams to decorate the rafts accordingly and some very creative ideas were used.

The Area Commissioner – Brian February in his opening address said that Kontiki being one of the premier events on the Cape Western Area's diary is different from the rest in that it involves Scouters, family and friends in the construction of the rafts and develops and real team effort. It is also a fine example of what Scouting is about: "Learning by doing and having fun at the same time". With the 2007 celebrations coming up in three years time, he said that "Kontiki will carry the centenary logo as one of our Celebratory Events" and encouraged the organisers to continue in developing Kontiki in becoming bigger and better.

Throughout the weekend Estavio together with Gavin Withers could be seen taking photographs. It is believed that Estavio took over 2000 pictures many of which you will be able to see on the following website www.f64.com.br. The rafts once moored in Kontiki Bay made a beautiful picture with all the South African Flags flying in the wind as if proudly celebrating 10 years of the country's democracy

Guest of Honour at the closing ceremony was Kinuthia Murugu the Regional Director for the Africa Region who told the participants that even if they did not win they should remember that if they believed that they had tried their best, then that is all that matters.

Results

Neville Coxon Trophy (Overall)

1. 1st Bergvliet
2. 2nd Plumstead
3. 1st Fish Hoek Rangers

Tender Race

1. 1st Bergvliet
2. 2nd Plumstead
3. 1st Durbanville "A"

Raft Race

1. 1st Gordonsbay/2nd Somerset West
2. 2nd Plumstead
3. 1st Muizenberg

D B Mc Ewan Shield (Construction)

1. 1st Bergvliet
2. 2nd Plumstead
3. 1st Fish Hoek Rangers

Safmarine Trophy (STA's)

1. 1st Chapmans Rangers
2. 1st Cape Peninsula Ranger Guides
3. 1st Fish Hoek Rangers

J Stratton Award (Best Cooked Meal)

1. 1st Monte Vista Guides
2. 2nd Houtbay
3. 1st Durbanville/Kraaifontein "A"

Theme Dress Trophy

1. Tableview rangers
2. 1st Durbanville "A"
3. 1st Chapmans Rangers

Andrew Dolphin Lawson Trophy (Overall Fringe Activities)

1. 1st Durbanville "A"
 2. 1st Muizenberg
 3. 1st Bergvliet
- 1st Gordonsbay

Congratulations once again to John Delpont and his team for a job well done!



Training Talk

Focus: Warrant Course

The previous Training Talk focused on *Introduction to Adult Leadership* and there was a good response from adult leaders wanting to go on this course. This Training Talk focus on the compulsory Warrant Course and I hope there will also be a good response from adult leaders to go on the next courses.

Adult Leader Training scheme follows a three-stage approach, arranged in a logical sequence so that having been through the complete scheme, the adult leader will know exactly **what** his or her job is, **how** to do it and the reasons **why** the job is done in a particular way. Following the *Introduction to Adult Leadership* Course, the Warrant Course is phase two of the adult leader training. Once the adult leader has gained a solid overview of "*What is Scouting?*", "*What is my Role?*" and "*What does the organization look like?*" he or she can begin training for a specific Scouting position through the Warrant Course.

The Warrant Course is an adult leader specific course that provides a specialised knowledge base when a Pack, Troop, Group Scouter or Commissioner needs to assume a leadership role in his or her unit. The course must be taken immediately after the *Introduction to Adult Leadership* and provides a grounding in skills, activities and the basics of the programme for the relevant unit. It will show how to run a Cub Pack, Scout Troop, Group or District. How to plan programme activities, how to implement them, how to relate to other people, etc. On conclusion of the Warrant Course a Scouter is granted a 5 year renewable Warrant formalizing the Leadership position held.

Warrant Courses have been developed for the following positions and their assistants:

- Pack Scouters
- Troop Scouters
- Rover Leaders
- Group Scouters & Commissioners

Course sessions include:

Pack Scouter Warrant	Troop Scouter Warrant	GS / Commissioner Warrant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playway Method of Training • Jungle Background • Pack Administration • Long-Term Programme Planning • Pack Meetings • Cub Promise & Law • Skills for Cubs • Sixers & Sixer's Council • Cub Training Programme • Leadership • Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Living Skills • The Patrol System • Duty to God & Citizenship • Scout Training Programme. • Practical Skills • Leadership • Long-Term Programme Planning • Troop Meetings • Resources • Troop Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Adults in Scouting • Visits and Inspections • Leadership • Meetings • Communication & Counselling • Discipline • Resources • Administration • Management • Skills

Remember that the *Introduction to Adult Leadership* is only taken once during your Scouting career and that the temporary Permit issued is only valid for maximum of 1 year from issue.

Whilst Warrant Course dates have just passed, there are further courses scheduled for later in the year.

This and That

1. Next Pack Warrant Course – For further details call Donald – 558 8214.
2. Next Troop Warrant Course – Currently running and for the next course call Buzz – 976 2005.
3. Next GS Warrant Course – For further details call Albert Ntunja – 975 9698.

Attention please! All PS, APS, Cub Instructors, and Pack Helpers & ADC – Cubs: Seize the opportunity; see below what the training team has for you in the menu.



The following Cub Specialist Courses are scheduled for May and June

Course Name	Venue	Fee	Course Dates	Your Contact
Cub Instructors	Gilray	R30.00	12 June	Elizabeth – 988 5028
Cub Jungle Background	Hawequas	R125.00	19-20 June	Donald – 558 8214
Cub Camping	Gilray	R125.00	8-9 May	Donald – 558 8214



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Area Scout Band

The Area Band closed some years ago because of too few members able to play musical instruments for marching bands. The instruments were not sold and the Area Commissioner would like to restart this band if there is enough interest. Adult Leaders with experience in marching bands and who could teach Scouts to play an instrument are asked to contact the Area Commissioner directly.

Early Notice to all Groups!

Please ensure that your records are updated so that the Census can be completed on time this year!

All Long service and Merit Awards must be submitted by the 31 July 2004. Please check who qualifies and obtain the necessary forms from HQ.

News from Everest

Andre Bredenkamp and his two companions left Cape Town on 1 April armed with a Scouting flag, which we hope he will plant on top of Everest.

They spent the first two weeks in Nepal where they have met with up with their expedition leader and the rest of the team numbering about 25.

The first few weeks were spent getting their necessary permits in order and checking their gear. They encountered some problems with strikes in Nepal, which caused a delay in their programme, and this has resulted in them being three days behind schedule.



The latest news received (16/04/04) was that they had left Kathmandu by helicopter and reached base camp (BC) at 5200m and the temperature was -10°C . They are all still well.

Once BC has been set up they will set off for advance base camp (ABC) at 6200m which will take two days. The next two and a half weeks they will spend acclimatising moving up and down from ABC to BC and attempt to summit on 16 May. If it is not possible they will attempt a summit between 26 – 28 May.

CWS will keep you informed!

News from the past

In 1990, the late Alisitair Brickhill, suggested that we consider accepting girls as Cubs and Scouts. We all know that it was a good few years later that we finally took that decision.

In August of 1990 four members of Cape Western Area, William Feast, Michael O'Donovan, Roy Erenstzen and Anthony O'Donovan beat Scouts from all over the world when they took part in a competition in the Swiss Alps. They were awarded 2291 points and the runners up Great Britain 1644 and received the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Alpine Challenge Trophy. The trophy is presently at the National Head Office.

The Senior Scout Adventure takes place from 10 –21 December 2004.

Please book your place early for both staff and participants. For more details contact the Adventure organiser at:

P.O. Box 44279 Claremont 7735.

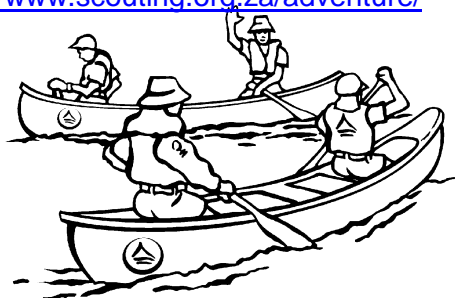
Telephone: 021 6743374

Fax: 021 6743371

e-mail: adventure@scouting.org.za

or visit the website

<http://www.scouting.org.za/adventure/>



ANNUAL AREA AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The Annual Area Awards Presentation Ceremony will be held on **SATURDAY 22 MAY 2004** at the Cape Technikon, off Highbury Road, Mowbray at 20:00

All Scouters, Commissioners, parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Chief Scout of South Africa, Mr Nkwenkwe Nkomo, will present Merit and Service Awards as well as Springbok Certificates to Scouts who have qualified.

The Area's **TONKIN TROPHY**, **OGLE TROPHY** and **VH MARSH AWARDS** will also be presented.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Joyce Horsell
ORGANIZER

EuroJam

EuroJam enthusiasm continues to build.

Over 17,000 Scouts, Guides and Leaders from over 20 European countries and around the world have already registered their interest in taking part in EuroJam.

Now is the time to register your Troop or Unit for EuroJam - the adventure of your lifetime!

Just submit your application online by visiting the EuroJam Participants Application web page.

EuroJam International Service Team (IST)

Over 1,500 adult members of Scouting and Guiding from over 30 countries worldwide have already applied for the EuroJam IST - the International Service Team - and it's easy for you to join them.

You need to register specifically for the EuroJam IST, even if you have previously signed up for the 2007 mailing list and are receiving these emails. Simply submit your application online by visiting the EuroJam IST Application web page.

PLEASE NOTE ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY AREA, THEN NATIONAL PLTU STAFF SAVES HAWEQUAS

PLTU Staff preparing for this year's PLTU Course had a rude awakening on the morning of 1 April 2004. The un-seasonal lightning had caused a fire on the surrounding mountains and some must have thought that an April Fools joke had been played on them, when they were told that they had to wake up to fight a fire.

The fire on the mountain threatened our premier campsite throughout the day and night and in between preparing for the Course all staff members were involved in fighting the fires, cutting fire-breaks, dowsing hot spots and being on the lookout for more fires. Hawequas was a hive of activity throughout the day with fire fighting teams, vehicles and helicopters converging on the playing field opposite the house.

By late afternoon the fire seemed to be under control but then the wind changed direction and the campsite was once again under threat. By this time the staff who had been busy for most of the day needed some rest and a call was made to some Rovers and Scouters to come to their aid. Between 20 – 30 answered the call and dropped everything they had been doing and drove though to Hawequas to assist with the fire fighting. Some stayed for a short while others stayed throughout the night to keep watch while the staff enjoyed a well-earned rest.

By the time the course participants arrived everything was under control and the course started on time.

While at times the campsite was under threat, none of the buildings or main campsite had been damaged. Some of the hiking trails were however damaged but in time this will revert back to its former beauty.

The Area Commissioner wishes to thank the PLTU Staff, Rovers and Scouters and anybody else who were involved in combating the fire for a job well done. Your efforts have saved the campsite from a possible disaster and are greatly appreciated.





By now all of you will be aware that in 2007, Scouting celebrates its 100th anniversary with a series of global, national and local events – including the 21st World Jamboree being hosted in the UK. The event will involve more world countries than even the Olympic Games.

THEME OF THE CELEBRATIONS

The Single theme of the all events and the World Jamboree will be

“2007: One World, One Promise”

This theme corresponds closely to young peoples’ aspirations, to the mission of the Movement, the common values and educational system of Scouting everywhere and expresses our targets for the future.



The above logo is the official Logo for the Centenary Celebrations and represents:

- The sunrise of the new century
- The environment
- 2007 as our 100th year
- The world celebration of 2007
- Peace, our mission
- The lower part of the logo shows the world-wide theme

Please note that this logo and others of the celebrations and World Jamboree cannot be reproduced without prior permission from the National office.



WORLD JAMBOREE

World Scout Jamborees are held every four years in different countries around the world, and the 21st World Scout Jamboree will be held at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex, from 27th July to 8th August 2007.

David van Eyk is our representative on a small committee appointed by the Chief Scout's Commissioner to organize a contingent of South African Scouts and Scouters to attend this Jamboree.

Please contact David directly for more information.

Parents and Groups are encouraged to start raising funds now already to assist scouts to attend.

In the months leading up to 2007 we will keep you informed of the latest developments via the Cape Western Scouter. You may also log onto the official website www.scouting2007.org for updated information.

You are also invited to forward any suggestions about the type of events and ways that you think we should celebrate the centenary, to Errol Kotze the Co-Ordinator for our Celebrations, via Area Headquarters.

The next CWS will deal with the Peace Gift that we as South Scouts must offer to the world.

Rover Report

.Congratulations to **Castletown Rover Crew** that won the Rover Service Cup for 2003 for service to both the Movement and the Community – prerequisites for the Award and a cornerstone of Rovering.

The Crew has finally managed to paint the SMC Hut. They assisted with the registration of the Food World Big Walk and will also assist the Douglas Road Primary School Big Walk and the running of a survival camp at the International Muslim Conference.

.The **Strand Crew** did a great job of hosting the Annual Rover Braai at the Strand Scout Hall in January to a good turnout of Rovers.

The Crew will also be holding their annual Group Medieval Banquet fundraiser in July and will help run the Scout Skills Day on May 29.

Our monthly commitment to the handicapped **Scottsville Crew** continues. Crews rotating this duty each month.

This Crew attended; the Area Scouts Won in February and one of their members has started a garden at the Home in Kraaifontein, having particular success with tomatoes.

CW 12 District Crew assisted at the Austrian Stall at the Community Chest Carnival and is organising a fire-fighting course for Rovers (*How about a short course for our ladies at Area and National H.Q.?*)

Two Oceans Rovers acted as Area Rover Flag bearers, being the holders of the Hawkeye Trophy. They also assisted as tellers at the bank at the Community Chest Carnival at Maynardville as well as with judging the Edwards Shield Comp.

A busy year so far with plenty of activities to come and a concentrated effort to promote Rovering in the Western Cape in order to swell decreasing numbers.

Andrew Franklin

Chairman CW Area Rover Council

(Congratulations to all our Rovers who have offered themselves for service to the communities. The CWS is YOUR magazine, use it too to promote Rovering in the W.Cape – Ed.)

Committee Members Report

Last month we concentrated on fundraising so now is probably a good time to ensure that all finances are properly administered and under the necessary controls.

The first most important item is to have all money safely deposited in a group bank account.

All bank accounts should be in the name of the Area followed by the group name i.e. South African Scout Association. 1st Blikkiesdorp Group.

Each account should allow for three signatories, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of whom any two may sign documents.

Having established your main bank account, perhaps you would like to consider a subsidiary account for special events such as the forthcoming Cedarberg Adventure in December and any of the many special events planned for Scout Centenary year in 2007.

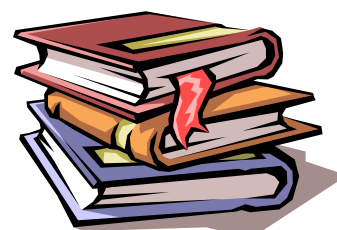
Unfortunately where travel is concerned costs are likely to be high and it is a good idea to try to raise extra funds so as to be able to assist any Scouts who would like to attend special events. Scouts themselves should take part in raising funds for this account by washing cars, etc.

If any group would like to save on bank charges on a second account, this account could be administered through Area Office (Interest will be paid)

Area Office are also willing to assist groups in preparing their accounts as it is essential that proper records are kept because these are public funds belonging to the Scouts.

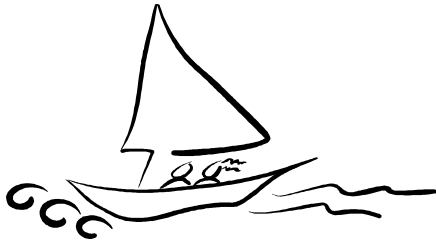
Nigel de la Rosa

Area Chairman



UPTON SHIELD 2004

A total of
75 teams
entered this
years event.
With 62



teams competing on the day. This in its own
was a phenomenal achievement.

The competition started at the Scout
Mountain Hut on top of Table Mountain, so just
getting to the start was a challenge on its own
- maybe more of a challenge to the judges
than the participants themselves.

The judges were briefed at the Scout Hut just
after 9am and the competition got under way
at 10am/.

The signpost outside the Rangers hut served
as junction port - the intersection between
the North and South Seas that the captains
had to sail with their crews. Each sea had 6
ports at which each crew had to dock at and
complete a task. All crews were given tasks
(STA's) to occupy themselves with while they
were sailing.

The Scout hut was the command centre and
thanks to eager and very fit runners, results
came pouring throughout the day. All ports
were eventually shut at 14h45 and captains had
to direct their crews towards the command
centre where a few photographs were taken.
The Organisers then had the logistical
nightmare of marching 250 Scouts down the
mountain to Constantia Nek where the final
prize giving took place. This placed the
scorekeepers under tremendous pressure and
sent them sprinting from the hut to the Nek in
just over 30 minutes.

The scoresheet reflects how well the
competition was contested. Congratulations to
2nd Fishhoek on winning the **Upton Shield
2004** and well done to **1st Bergvliet** on winning
the **STA prize**.

Admiral **Andre Mountaban** was the Chief
Judge of this competition and I'd like to thank
him and his ver able assistant **Gary Irwin** on
putting together a stunning competition. A
huge thanks goes out to **Zaahir Howell** for his
involvement in the score keeping on the day.

The response from Scouters and Senior
Scouts to helping out as judges, base
assistants and runners was overwhelming.
Thanks to all of you for making such a
phenomenal event the huge success that it
turned out to be

Looking forward to having a 100 teams
entered for next year's Upton .

Nimmy Abrahams

*(Thanks to the Organisers and all their helpers
for what was certainly a very successful and
challenging competition)*

BRAVERY CITATION LOCATED

In last months issue we carried the request
from Mr John Gurney of Zimbabwe for
evidence of the citation made to Scout
Second Norman Lamb in 1942 at the
ceremony where he was presented with the
Guilt Cross for bravery. Lamb had rescued
a soldier from drowning in heavy surf

Mr Gurney had tried Imperial Scout H.Q. in
London as well as S.A.H.Q. in Cape Town
without success. Durban H.Q. also drew a
blank so as a last resort it was referred to
the Heritage Centre.

Well that's where it should have started in
the first place. Our archivist and curator,
Alan Shinton, is not only methodical but
also tenacious. The only records of a
national nature we have are those listed in
the British Scouter magazine.

Alan has spent many months collecting
these and then having them bound into
yearly volumes.

By examining them issue for issue he
finally came up with the entry concerning
Norrie Lamb's award.

Well done Alan. Not bad for an incident
which occurred just about 62 years ago.

Aids and Scouting

In our last issue we dealt with the scourge of alcohol on our society. In the article the following statement was quoted:

“ modern society is becoming more and more amoral..... values of previous generations are being largely ignored by modern youth”

As we stand on the sidelines watching the erosion of our moral values, the abuse of alcohol and drugs, we fail to see how these have developed a far greater threat to our nation.

Did you know that:

- 1:10 of our youth are infected with AIDS and 77% of these are girls?
- 1 000 000 infected babies will not be with us in 10 years from now?
- Of those persons questioned about being under risk of infection 40% felt they were not and of these 60% were infected?
- Many women (the peak infection group being 15 –19 years old) admitted that their first sexual experience was not consensual?
- Of those surveyed, only a third were using condoms?
- That a young boy of 9 years old has fathered a child?

And so the frightening statistic go on until we become punch drunk or feel so overwhelmed that we do nothing.

What can we do? To quote Shaheen Sattar's article referred to above:

“ Any activity that encourages sobriety (and morality), would thus maintain fertile grounds for growth and implementation of the Scout Promise, Laws and Motto as a way of life. Any instrument that does not, should have no place in our Movement.”

The Scout Law is the first stone to our foundation. The second is the knowledge, knowledge of the pandemic, how it is transmitted, precautions to take, living with persons with Aids and so on.

Basic information about the disease is given in the pamphlet **SCOUTING AND AIDS**. Every adult leader (PL's too) should read and discuss it.

Aids

“ As a community based organisation to the development and welfare of the youth of South Africa, the South African Scout Association has a fundamental responsibility to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic in it's programmes.

The Association acknowledges that it is not a specialist HIV/AIDS organisation.

The adult leader still requires a basic understanding of HIV?AIDS.”

**Luke van der Laan
CEO SA. Scout
Association**

Discussion is the third stone in the foundation. Scouts should be encouraged to discuss the disease at Troop meetings – bring it into Inter-Patrol Competitions and so on. Before doing any of this make sure the various committees and the Court of Honour are informed.

Part of the knowledge thing is to know the facts and to only deal with the facts. Being prepared yourself.

Entertainer Pieter Dirk Uys, has freely and voluntarily, probably done more for Aids Awareness amongst our youth than any other person in the country.

A video of his show *Foreign Aids* would certainly assist and perhaps shock our adult leaders. See it if you can.

Help can also be obtained from ATICC in Plumstead at the telephone 021-7973327. They have experts, pamphlets and information on HIV/AIDS. There is no cure for Aids. The only cure is prevention. ATTIC recommends the A, B, C, D methods of Safer Sex:

- **Abstain** from SEX
- **Be** faithful to a mutually monogamous (equally faithful) partner
- **Correctly** use condoms
- **Determine** to condomise

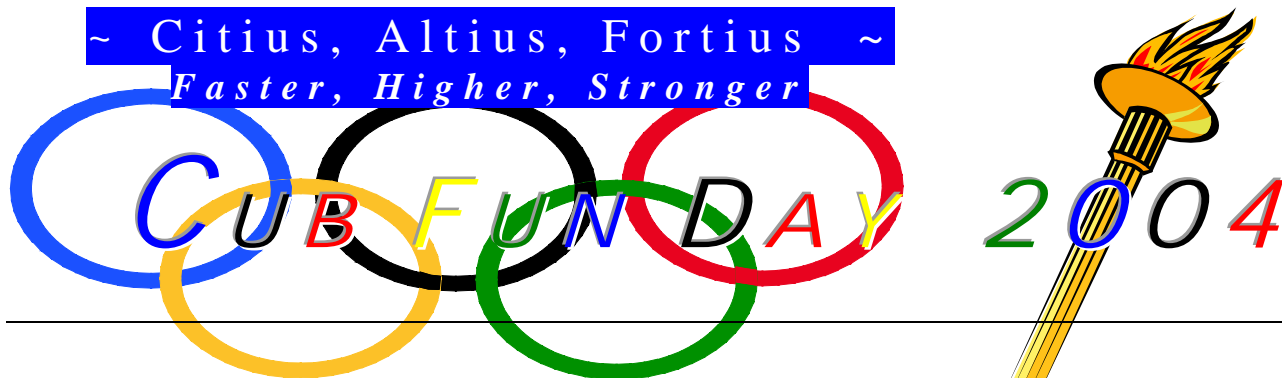
John Waterhouse

(The views expressed above are those of the writer and not the S.A. Scout Association except where indicated).



**Panafrican Youth Forum on
AIDS : a matter of education**

**Forum panafricain de la jeunesse sur
Le SIDA : une question d'éducation**



CUB FUN DAY 2004 GOES TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FUN?

GET YOUR PASSPORTS READY AND BE THERE!

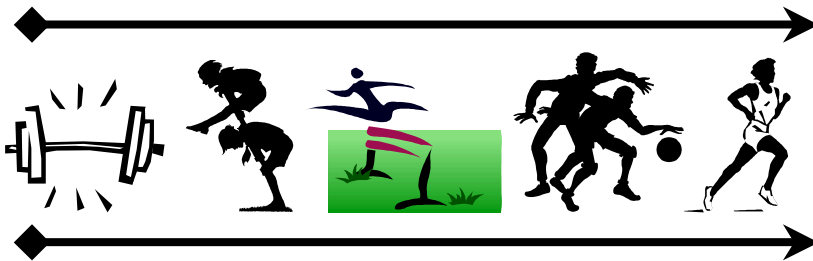
DATE: SATURDAY 15 MAY 2004

VENUE: 1st MONTE VISTA SCOUT HALL (Cnr Platteklouf Rd and Diaz Street, Monte Vista)

TIME: 10H00 TO 15H30

COST: R35.00 PER PACK, PAYABLE ON ARRIVAL AT THE EVENT.

- Each Pack is required to run a fun activity base that ties in with the theme of Cub Fun Day 2004: **“OLYMPIC GAMES”**. We hope to give each Cub an Olympic Games “Passport” to be signed at each of the activity bases that he/she visits.
- Please arrive early and set up your activity bases as soon as possible so that we can start promptly at 10h00.
- As with previous Cub Fun Days, the event will start with a FUN RUN. Those cubs taking part must report to the Starting Judge immediately after the opening. Shoes must be worn as part of the course is on the road. The winner of the race will light the symbolic “Olympic Flame” that will burn throughout the day’s activities.
- Please support the tuck shop! Hotdogs, Hamburgers, sweets, chips;



Directions to Monte Vista Hall

From the N1 take the Monte Vista Boulevard (N1 City) off ramp. Travel up towards the Tygerberg Hills. Continue until you reach a traffic circle and go straight through travelling in the same direction. Turn right at the next road – Diaz Street; the Monte Vista Hall is on the left.

Should you have any queries, please contact:

- Donald Alexander: 021 – 419 4857 (w) / 021 – 558 8214 (h)
- Elizabeth Parenzee: 021 – 530 4824 (w) / 082 730 1762 / 082 2020 806 (a/h)

Scout Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre has become quite a valuable source of information and memorabilia. Often we receive donations from ex-members or from the families of old scouts who have gone home.

Unfortunately, in many cases, there is no written documentation to tell us about the items and the donor or donors relative. Please give us a brief account if you intend donating any items.

Take for example the story we were able to put together from a button, a fleur de lies and a book:-

“ As a result of his services in the Matabele Campaign of 1896, BP received a promotion and in 1897 sailed to India to take command of the 5th Dragoon Guards.

He was a strict disciplinarian but was also on good terms with his officers and men. He was always thinking out schemes for making the lives of the men more interesting. His greatest success was in the training he gave them as scouts.

This was something new in the army. He divided the men into small units, each under an NCO who was responsible for the efficiency of his men; the training was in the form of competitions and what we call wide games.

The men who did well gained a badge – it was the arrow-head at the end of the north point of the compass; the War Office gave permission for this badge to be worn; it was the first badge of efficiency permitted in the army.

In 1899 he went on leave and he published a book which summed up the training he had given his soldier-scouts with the intention that it be used as a handbook by all soldiers.”

The book was called *Aids to Scouting*, which we know today have been the forerunner of *Scouting for Boys*.

The Heritage Centre via different donors is able to exhibit a tunic button of the 5th Dragoon Guards, a Fleur de Lies issued to the soldier scout, a copy of *Aids to Scouting* (which was published until the 1914-18 war) and one of the earliest copies of *Scouting for Boys*.

We wish to thank the following donors for valuable historical donations made to the Centre:

Colin Ingles: (Former Chief Scout who now lives in Piermaritzburg): For a library of Scouting Books, badges and uniform items. (Any old friends wishing to contact him please contact Denzil Roberts at the Centre for details.)

Ian Appleton; (Appleton Camp on Signal Hill was named after Jack Appleton his grandfather) for various books, badges, photos and merit awards.

Andre Bredenkamp: BP history book

Dave Sinclair: Scout Stamps

Andre Foot: Record Books

Finally we are still looking for 12 framed photographs of Area Commissioners over the past 80 years. They were removed from Bree Street HQ and have not been seen since. Information on their whereabouts is urgently sought.

Alan Shinton
Curator

